THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) to (f) Two Central Public Sector Units located in Andhra Pradesh, namely M/s. Hindustan Flurocarbons Ltd., and M/s. Southern Pesticides Corporation Ltd. have been declared sick by the Board for Industrial and financial Reconstruction (BIFR) during this period, and their revival under the provisions of the Sick industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 is under consideration of BIFR.

Loss of Manhours Due to late Running of Trains

2078. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) total manhours lost due to delayed trains during the last year;

(b) what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure timely running of trains; and

(d) whether Government envisage enacting any law in this regard so as to fix responsibility for delayed trains and offset the national loss?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Such statistics are not maintained.

(b) Trains get delayed due to various reasons such as accidents, agitations/ bandhs, alarm-chain-pulling, loco failures, grid failures, miscreant activities etc.

(c) All efforts including intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels are being undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched.

(d) Staff found responsible for detention of trains are taken up regularly both for major and Minor penalties. Accordingly, during January, February, March 1996 the following staff were taken up for Major and Minor penalties:—

January—more than—753
February—more than—651
March—more than—746

Transfer and posting of Railway Catering Employees

2079. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the Offices and Departments in Delhi where Railway Catering is functioning as an allied service?

(b) the policy and criteria for posting of staff and officers at such places;

(c) the policy and criteria for transfer of such staff and officers;

(d) whether Government are aware that posting at one place for a long period results into nexus and malpractices; and

(e) if so, the steps being taken to avoid long stay of such staff and officers at one place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There are seven such catering establishments functioning in Delhi viz. (1) Parliament House Main Building, (2) Parliament House Annexe, (3) Prime Minister's Office Canteen in South Block, (4) VIP Canteen in Rail Bhawan, (5) Parliament House Reception Office Canteen (6) North Avenue MPs' Canteen and (7) South Avenue MPs' Canteen.

(b) Posting of officers and staff in the catering establishments of Parliament House is done in consultation with the Lok Sabha Secretariat.